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MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ SPONSORS 2ND ANNUAL EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY FOR HARTFORD SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHEN: Tuesday, May 3, 2005

WHO: Mayor Eddie Perez, Supt. Robert Henry,

The Foundation for Excellent Schools, 300 volunteers

WHAT: Prepare and inspire students for a 4-year college education

WHERE: More than 30 Hartford elementary, middle, and high schools

Including:

10:30 a.m. SAND Elementary School-11:30 a.m. Dwight Elementary School-1:00 p.m. Sport and Medical Sciences Academy-275 Asylum Avenue

Please join Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez as he helps unlock the doors to college for more Hartford Public School students. Early College Awareness Day is part of Mayor Perez's education initiative to increase the number of Hartford students graduating from a 4-year college program by 25-percent. It is a massive "fan out" of city, community, educational, and business leaders who want to show youngsters how a 4-year college degree will help them obtain better jobs and higher earning potential. Hartford has only 10% of its seniors going full time to a 4-year college.

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